tioned to sugar mills in Maharashtra for sugarcane development and Rs. 107.29 crores for rehabilitation/modernisation of plant and machinery.

**Declining trend of Sugar Production**

2137. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a declining trend of sugar production during the month of August, 1993 and onwards;

(b) if so, to what extent the sugar output is declining;

(c) to what extent the sugar production during the current sugar season has declined; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The required information is as under:—

| Month | Sugar Production during the sugar year (October to September) (in lakh tonnes) | | Increase (+) or decrease (–) in production over 1991-92 (in lakh tonnes) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | |
| August . . . | 0.46 | 0.28 | (–) 0.18 |
| September . . . | 0.47 | 0.41 | (–) 00.6 |

Sugar production during the current sugar year 1993-94 in the month of October 1993 was 0.76 lakh tonnes as against 0.79 lakh tonnes during the previous season 1992-93 thereby showing an increase of 0.17 lakh tonnes.

(c) Total production during the current sugar year 1993-94 upto 15-11-1993 was 3.48 lakh tonnes (provisional), as against 2.94 lakh tonnes (provisional) in the corresponding period during the last sugar year, i.e. 1992-93 thereby showing an increase of 0.54 lakh tonnes.

(d) Considering the need to boost sugar production during 1993-94 season. Government have taken/initiated the following measures:

(i) Early crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent to sugar mills for their production achieved during the period 1.10.1993 to 15.11.1993.

(ii) Mid-crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 80 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent, to sugar mills for the incremental production to be achieved during the period 1.1.1994 to 30.4.1994 over the production during the same period in 1992-93 season.

(iii) Late crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent, to sugar mills for the production to be achieved during the period 1.5.1994 to 31.7.1994.

(iv) Finance Ministry/Reserve Bank have been requested to provide need-based credit to the sugar industry during 1993-94 season.

(v) State Governments have been requested to ensure prompt clearance of cane price dues to the farmers by the sugar factories.

(vi) The loan component for grant of Sugar Development Fund assistance

for KT Weirs and lift irrigation schemes has been enhanced from 66.6 per cent to 90 per cent of the project cost.

(vii) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane for 1993-94 season has been announced at Rs. 34.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent, as against Rs. 31/- per quintal for 1992-93 season. An advance announcement of SMP for 1994-95 season has also been made at Rs. 37/- per quintal to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent.

(viii) The incentive scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects has been suitably revised.

(ix) State Governments have been requested to consider imposition of restrictions on gur and khandsari units prohibiting their operation before 31.12.1993 so as to make available more proportion of cane to the sugar mill sector.

**Setting up of sugar mills**

2138. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up of Sugar Mills received during the last two years;

(b) how many of them have been cleared and the number of them which are still under Government's consideration; and

(c) the number of such proposals received from Uttar Pradesh Government and the names of the projects which are still under consideration and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) 118 proposals were received during the sugar year 1991-92 (October-September) and 69 proposals were received during the sugar year 1992-93 (October-September) for setting up of new sugar mills in the country. Out of these, two proposals have been issued Letters of Intent in December 1993. The remaining are under various stages of consideration of the Government.

(c) During the aforesaid two sugar years, as on 31-8-93, 73 proposals have been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh through the Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar mills. A list showing the names of such proposals is at Statement. (*See* below) These proposals have been scrutinised by the Screening Committee and the recommendations of the Ministry of Food have been sent to the Ministry of Industry.

**Statement**

*The names (Location-wise of applications received through the Ministry of Industry (Deptt. of Industrial Development) for setting-up of new sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh*

| | Location | Name of applicant |
|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 *Sugar Year* | *Distt. Saharanpur* | |
| | 1. Nagal | 1. Rajiv Singh |
| | 2. Rasoolpur | 2. H.S. Bhartia |
| | *Distt. Muzaffarnagar* | |
| | 3. Purkaji | 3. Pramod Kumar |
| | 4. Husainpur Teh. Jansath | 4. DLF Industies Ltd. (AS Minocha) |
| | | 5. Sudhish Prakash |